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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-2415, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 41-2415, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 41-2415. Crime laboratory assessment fund; definition

5 A. The crime laboratory assessment fund is established. The crime
6 laboratory assessment fund shall consist of monies collected pursuant to
7 section 12-116.01 and distributed pursuant to section 41-2401, subsection D,
8 paragraph 12. The department of public safety shall administer the fund.

9 B. Monies in the fund are subject to appropriation by the legislature
10 for the following purposes:

11 1. Providing enhanced crime laboratory services.

12 2. Purchasing and maintaining scientific equipment for crime
13 laboratory use.

14 3. Educating and training forensic scientists WHO ARE regularly
15 employed in a crime laboratory.

16 C. The department of public safety on a quarterly basis shall allocate
17 and distribute the monies in the fund to political subdivisions that operate
18 crime laboratories. The department shall distribute the monies according to
19 the following schedule:

20 1. ~~Twenty-two~~ TWENTY-FOUR per cent to the Phoenix police department.

21 2. ~~Twelve~~ TEN per cent to the Tucson police department.

22 3. Seven per cent to the Mesa police department.

23 4. Four per cent to the Scottsdale police department.

24 5. FIVE PER CENT TO THE CHANDLER POLICE DEPARTMENT.

25 ~~5.~~ 6. ~~Fifty-five~~ FIFTY per cent to the department of public safety.

26 D. The schedule for the distribution of monies pursuant to subsection
27 C of this section may be adjusted annually, if appropriate, based on the
28 crime laboratory services provided and the percentage of the state population
29 served by each crime laboratory. The crime laboratory directors of the
30 political subdivisions providing crime laboratory services in this state
31 shall agree on the formula and allocation. The minimum allocation for a
32 political subdivision that provides crime laboratory services is four per
33 cent.

34 E. For THE purposes of this section, "crime laboratory" means a
35 laboratory ~~which~~ THAT is operated by a political subdivision, ~~which~~ THAT has
36 at least one regularly employed forensic scientist who holds a minimum of a
37 bachelor's degree in a physical or natural science and ~~which~~ THAT is
38 registered as an analytical laboratory with the drug enforcement
39 administration of the United States department of justice for the possession
40 of all scheduled controlled substances.